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twenty-four hours under solar action, and the skins or hides salted should be submitted to a ten-minute disinfection of corrosive sublimate, and the woods to a vigorous inspection to avoid refuge for rats.

On March 7 Señor Angel Sualdo (who was sent here by the Argentine Republic to look after the disinfection, etc.) appeared in Asuncion, and since this late or above decree from Argentina relative to Paraguayan exportations, new commercial life and movement seemed to begin.

Respectfully,

JOHN N. RUFFIN,
United States Consul.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Reports from Manila.

MANILA, P. I., *March 23, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor hereby to report that during the week ended March 10, 1900, there occurred 2 cases of plague, both resulting fatally, in Manila, P. I. During the same period 1 case of smallpox was reported.

This is the smallest number of cases of plague reported since the commencement of the disease, but I do not consider it indicative that the disease is under control or that the mild epidemic is subsiding.

The smallpox epidemic in the islands is not increasing, and the situation is much more favorable than in preceding years.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MANILA, P. I., *March 23, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor hereby to report that there was an increase of both plague and smallpox in Manila, during the week ended March 17, 1900. Five cases with 3 deaths of the former, and 6 cases and 1 death of the latter were reported during this period.

During the same week 2 cases of plague were reported in Cavite, the United States naval station, 7 miles distant. Both of these occurred among Chinese workmen connected with the navy-yard, and although the source of infection is not definite, still I believe that it was transmitted from Manilla, as there is daily and constant communication between the two places without restraint of any kind.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MANILA, P. I., *March 28, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor hereby to report that during the week ended March 24, 1900, there were 8 cases of plague, with 7 deaths, in Manila, P. I. Of this number there were 6 Chinese and 2 Filipinos. During the same period there were reported 2 cases of smallpox, with no deaths.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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